

and insulating tube. Claim 6 recites a kit for installing an insulated water tube in a heated water tank comprising a fitting for attachment to a heated water tank and an insulating tube and a gap between the outside of the insulating tube and the fill tube. Claim 10 recites a method of providing a heated water tank, a heating element, a fill tube and an insulating tube in the fill tube with a gap between the fill tube and insulating tube. Claim 11 recites an assembly comprising a fill tube in a heated water tank, an insulating tube positioned in the fill tube and a gap between the fill tube and insulating tube.

As discussed at the meeting, Foley discloses a beverage making apparatus with a heated water tank and fill tube and Marotta teaches an insulated fill tube, but Foley and Marotta taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest an insulating tube in the fill tube with a gap between the fill tube and insulating tube as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 11. These independent claims (and claims 2-5 and 7-9 which are dependent) avoid this prior art for at least these reasons.

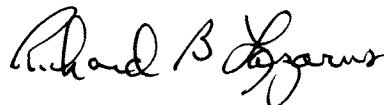
#### Conclusion

The above differences between the prior art and claims was discussed at the interview whereupon it was agreed that the claims avoid the prior art of record. It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to expedite any remaining issues.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and any other fees or shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in such fees being credited, to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 12-0913 acknowledging attorney docket no. (27726-98927).

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